

IDENTIFICATION OF OPTICAL RIBBONS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 In a fiber optic cable having a plurality of optical ribbons, identifying information
about each optical ribbon is conveyed by a series of colored regions of different colors
visible on an outer surface of the optical ribbon matrix covering. In preferred
embodiments of the present invention, the colored regions are formed in such a way that
they do not cause microbending or the like. Preferably, the colored regions are formed
10 during the process of extruding the matrix covering over the fibers, by injecting colored
material into the extrusion die.